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In re patent application of: ASHIDA, et al.

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For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DATABASE MANAGEMENT FOR DATA MINING**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please make the following change prior to examination of the above-referenced application:

In the Specification:

Please insert following sentence between "THE TITLE OF INVENTION" and "Field of the Invention:"

-- This is a continuation of prior application Serial No. 09/994,951 filed on November 27, 2001 under 35 C.F.R. 1.53(b). --

Please amend the following:

Page 8, lines 12-13, between "the rule," and "A precision", please insert -- 200 people satisfy the rule portion while 50 people satisfy both the rule and condition portions --

Page 10, line 15, between "108." and "Next," please insert - The month for the above analysis is automatically selected to be two months after the currently selected month. As described above with respect to FIGURE 2, certain portions of the data other

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than a specified data such as the cancellation status are automatically taken from two
month earlier. -

Page 10, line 20, please change "conclude" to - "concludes". -

Respectfully submitted,

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